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SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steamer will be despatched with H.M.'s Mails as follows, viz.:—

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7th October, 1874.

REPORT of Closing Message of Saturday reports of the Liverpool Cotton market as declining further; sales 14,000 bales. Spot prices were unaltered but arrivals were apparently weaker; and Up lands January-February shipment being quoted at 8 1/16d., a decline of 1/16d. from the last quotation for the same shipments.

This morning's market opened steady, probable sales 15,000 bales, imports 8,000. Receipts at the American ports on Tuesday were 18,000 bales, unquestionably very heavy, and accounting in a great measure for the rapid decline which has taken place in Mid Uplands lately—1/4 cents. per lb. during the week. Stocks at the ports have increased from 159,000 to 189,000 bales.

The Manchester Piece Goods Market was firmer yesterday, Shirtings being quoted 1/16d., Mulls and Jaconets 1d. per piece, and 3/8 Mule Twist 1/4d. per lb. higher. Coloc is again firm at an advance of 6/6d. per cwt. Suede and Oil are unchanged.

Consols this morning opened at 92¾, French Rentes at 59¾, an advance of ⅛. Both sitions at 97 11/16d. per £.

The Exchange has shown extreme weakness to-day and rates are fully ¼, and in some cases ⅜ per cent. lower.

In the morning the banks gave their drawing rates for 6 months sight at 1s. 10 15/64d. to 1s. 10 7/16d., but at the close 1s. 10¾d. is the most favourable rate offered with little disposition to go on at that. In private paper there has been almost nothing done; but for bills being offered, and for such as are on the market sellers do not seem disposed to accept current figures. To houses 3 months' sight Credits have been sold at 1s. 10 9/32d. and there is still an enquiry for more at the same figure without bringing out sellers, while banks have been offering 1s. 10 5/16d. at the close without leading to business. Documents have been negotiated at 1s. 10¼d. per rupee for 3 months' sight. Judging from the feeling displayed today rates seem likely to go still further against remitters before the departure of the mail.

The Council drafts may possibly be allotted at about previous figures, as news of the decline here will not have reached London in time to affect the biddings; but even in that case our quotations should not be influenced, the guiding principle at this time of the year being in the state of things ruling on this side, not in London. And looking at the position now it is difficult to see how rates can be supported; money is extremely plentiful here, exceptionally so; the demand for remittance during the next two months is likely to be in excess of the private paper offering; and neither Calcutta nor China seem likely to support exchange if they do not even tend to depress it. Some strength has probably been lost to the market of late by the disposition shown by merchants to sell for forward delivery, but in reality this is no indication whatever, the object of the sellers being merely as a rule, to make their purchases of cotton and sales of exchange as much as possible simultaneous operations free from risk. We quote for bills on London:—

Bank Bills on demand ..... Rs. 1s. 10 15/16d. per rupee.
6 months' sight ..... 1s. 10 5/8d. "
Credits ..... 1s. 10¾d. "
Documents ..... 1s. 10 11/16d. "

On Calcutta we have not heard of any business and rates are unchanged. GOVERNMENT PAPER is steady, with buyers but no sellers at yesterday's quotations.

The SHARE market has again been very weak for Spinning property, and in most instances there has been a decline of Rs. 10 to 40 Rs. 50 per share. Other denominations are quiet and unaltered in value.

COTTON to-day has been quiet but steady at unchanged prices. Some slight amount of buying goes on from day to day of ready cotton, but nothing of any importance; meantime sellers of New Crop refuse to do business at rates equivalent to Liverpool quotations. Receipts from up-country continue most insignificant, the total for the past four days being only 945 tales, nor are we likely to see any marked increase until after the Dewalee.

Freights by Steamer are unaltered at £2 nominal. By sailing ship we are unable to give a quotation.

PIECE Goods show no actual change, but if any thing there is a quieter feeling to-day.

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Approximate Statement of Traffic for the Week ending 3rd October 1874.

Open for Traffic.	Miles.	Rs. a. p.
Passengers	401	44,000 0 0
Merchandize	401	29,000 0 0
Parcels and Postal Service	401	2,000 0 0
Total Receipts		75,000 0 0
Corresponding week in October 1873. Open for Traffic.		
Coaching		35,000 0 0
Merchandize		27,000 0 0
Parcels and Postal Service		1,000 0 0
Total Receipts		63,000 0 0
Increase Receipts		12,000 0 0

BANK OF BENGAL.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 29th September, as compared with that for 22nd September:—

Liabilities.	22nd Sept.	29th Sept.
Capital	Rs. 2,00,00,000	Rs. 2,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	1,65,000	1,65,000
Treasury balances	1,03,47,000	1,03,47,000
Total Deposits	3,13,47,000	3,13,47,000
Bank Post Bills, &c	2,17,64,414	2,17,64,414
Bankers	6,09,024	6,09,024
Government Securities	Rs. 1,30,00,000	Rs. 1,30,00,000
Loans on ditto	1,78,87,414	1,78,87,414
Bills discounted	2,00,00,000	2,00,00,000
Total Assets	Rs. 5,08,87,414	Rs. 5,08,87,414

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

The s.s. PARAMATTA, 986 tons, Captain A. Brooking, sailed yesterday for Liverpool via the Cape with the following passengers:—Mrs. Dolby, Mr. John Fraser and Mr. A. Denton, cabin. 2,500 tals wool, 1,500 cwt. rubber, 1,000 bags and 1,000 cwt. gall.

The P. and O. Co's ss. Nemea, 1,035 tons, Captain W. H. Hall, arrived in harbour yesterday from Melbourne and Kurrachee, with the following cargo:—80 packages merchandize, 200 packages coppers, 78 packages silk piece goods, 2 packages preserves, 1 case, 1 box, 1 bag, 1,067 packages specie, 4 cases, 1 case, 1 box, 1 bag, 1 package specie, 3 packages wearing apparel, 5 cases tallow, 359 packages tea, 2 packages hamper, 33 packages ironmongery, packages glass bangles, 1 case, 1,115 packages silk, 30 packages paper, 20 packages sewing machines, 2 cases piano heads, 13 cases 2 packages parcels, 3 packages unknown, 9 packages china roots, 10 cases linen, 1 parcel tartans, 1 case stationery, 1 case cotton velvet, and 1 package cane bows. She brought the following passengers:—From Sydney—Mr. H. Dyson, Captain Ashurst and servant, and Mr. Lockland. From Melbourne—Captain Chas. Captain St. Johnn, Mrs. Hall and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Money, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Dawson, and Professor Coughtrie. From Glenelg—Mr. A. G. Murray and Mrs. Buchanan and infant.

ARRIVALS.

Qrs.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
7	Hydaspes [s]	Hendelson	Suez, Sept 25. Melbourne, Sept 8.

DEPARTURE.

Qrs.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
7	Parramatta	Brooking	Liverpool.

Steamer Parma, to Liverpool, was cleared out for loading yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Qrs.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
7	Sea Gull [s]	Hamilton	Aden, Sept 15.
6	Orissa [s]	Vida	Suez, Aug 27.
6	Ellora [s]	Gary	Southampton, Aug 27.
3	Baltic Unicorn	Vessey	Mauritius, Sept 20.

DEPARTURES.

Qrs.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
7	Sea Gull [s]	Hamilton	Aden.
6	Orissa [s]	Vida	Singapore, Aug 31.
6	Ellora [s]	Gary	Southampton, Aug 27.
3	Baltic Unicorn	Vessey	Mauritius, Sept 20.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Qrs.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
4	Mary [s]	Hamilton	Suez and Point de Galle.

ADEN.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 21 Pallas [s], ss, Nicholas, from Bombay.
Arabia [s], ss, Long, R.N., from Bombay.
Chusan [s], ss, Lamb, from Bombay.
Ethiopia [s], ss, Hamilton, from Bombay.
Hydaspes [s], ss, Hendelson, from Suez.
Sea Gull [s], ss, Hamilton, from Aden.
Edward Lucas, ship, Hardcastle, from Cardiff.
Sapphire, ship, Anderson, from Liverpool.
Caerhowell, ss, Rhodes, from Suez.
Richard Lucas, ship, Hardcastle, from Cardiff.
Ellora [s], ss, Gary, from Southampton.
Clarendon, ss, Jones, from W. Hartlepool.
Navarino, ss, Bullett, from Calcutta.
Lord Brady, ss, Simpson, from London.
Sagua, ss, Palmer, from Colombo.
Dalhousie, ss, Hodges, from Cardiff.
Alma Leonard, ship, Gould, from Cardiff.
Excelsior, ss, Jose, from Bombay.
Ariel, ss, Brown, from Bombay.
Pekin, ss, Woodcott, from Shanghai.
Hooghly, ss, Verspuij, from Manila.
Herald Harbinger, ss, Bellingall, from Newcastle.
Knight, ss, Morgan, from Mauritius.
Anne, s, ss, Rigoulot, from Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 23 Navarino, ss, Bullett, to London.
24 Commissaire, ss, Quartermain, to Persian Gulf.
24 Lord Brady, ss, Simpson, to Bombay.
25 Elphinstone, ss, Griffiths, to Bombay.
25 Rose Hodges, ss, Jose, to Marseilles.
26 Alma, ss, Brown, to Liverpool.
26 Pekin, ss, Woodcott, to Suez.
26 Hooghly, ss, Verspuij, to Batavia.
27 Dalhousie, ss, Hodges, to Zanzibar.
27 Orwell, ss, Humphreys, to Suez.
27 Herald Harbinger, ss, Bellingall, to Bombay.
28 Persia, ss, Duncan, to Colombo.
28 Peach, Brooks, ss, Thompson, to Calcutta.
29 Anne, s, ss, Rigoulot, to Mauritius.
Sept. 2 Hudson, ss, Hodges, to Bombay.

VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

Pakistan, ss, Edwards, from Bombay.
Ariel, ship, Brown, from Bombay.
Alcaide, ship, Peters, from Cardiff.
Blumberg, ship, Mackellan, from Newcastle.
Shooter's Hill, ship, Middleton, from Liverpool.
Alice Vansant, ship, Gould, from Cardiff.
Hopkins, ss, Hodge, from Portsmouth.

DAILY IMPORTS.—OCTOBER 7.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Perseus, 100 bags red lead, Dwarkadas Gordhandass; 100 bundles sheet iron, Heptoola Allibhoy & Co.

FROM LISBON.

Etheopia, 100 cases oil, Shaw cojee Rustomjee Scobbia; 1 case instruments, and 2 cases biscuits, C. E. Mitchell and Co.; 12 cases oil man-ware, and 1 case butter, Dadabhoy Jamsetjee and Co; 64 cases oil, B. Manockjee Framjeeboy.

Lowestoft, 6 cases champagne, C E Mitchell and Co.

Nimrod, 3, 30 cases brandy, Ziegler, Salmon and Co.

Brighton, 1, 1 case, Ziegler, Salmon and Co.

FROM GENOA.

Peninsula, 100 cases brandy, Mowajee and Co.

Indian, 347 boxes brandy, Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.

Arabia, 8, 847 boxes brandy, Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Esperance, 50 cases brandy, Jemsetjee Nowrojee.

Burlington, 150 cases brandy, Jemsetjee Nowrojee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 7.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Mookan s, 971 bales cotton, Kuneyram Salnekram; 100 bales cotton, Finlay Scott and Co; 35 bales cotton, Jairam Dayaji; 65 bales cotton, Coroe Lodia; 100 bales cotton, Cowasjee Dorabsaw and Co; 10 bales cotton, S. L. Macnaghten; 50 bales wool, Moojee Jaitha; 3 bales wool, S. Tajbjee and Co; 17 bales wool Alsen Richie and Co; 30 bales wool, Tricomdas Collianjee; 31 bales wool, Hurrydas Gangjee; 51 bales cotton, Dawjee Dhoorjee; 220 bales cotton, Moonjee Rathi; 33 bales wool, E. I. S. N. Co; 26 bales hemp, Trikum Nathoo.

FOR LONDON.

Lombardy s, 1 case, Bide. P and O Co; 38 bales hemp, Trikum Nathoo.

FOR TRIESTE.

Memfis s, 30 bales cotton, Knoop and Co; 3,000 cwts. sundry cargo, Rallt Brothers; 100 bales cotton, A. Reading Co; 1 bale cotton, Dhunjee Shamjee and Co; 75 bales cotton, A Kunhler and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Lombardy, s, 3,000 cwts. wheat, Rallt Brothers.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

LIEUTENANT D. SMITH, India Establishment, was granted leave on medical certificate, from 19th June to 31st August 1874.

CAPTAIN G. R. BACON, Staff Corps, Commanding 9th Regiment N. I., is allowed furlough to Europe for two years on medical certificate, under G G O No 472 of 1870.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. FARR, Bombay Infantry, 2nd in Command, 12th Regiment N. I., is allowed furlough to Europe for six months on urgent private affairs, leave of departure.

CAPTAIN C. O. MARTIN, Staff Corps, Deputy Judge Advocate, is appointed Judge Advocate General of the Army, vice Colonel Field, C.B., A.-D.C. to the Queen, who vacates on succeeding to colonels' allowance.

THE undermentioned officers were allowed furlough to Europe for two years on medical certificate:—Major L. G. Brown, Staff Corps, and Captain J. F. Bennell, Staff Corps, and Quarter-Master of the 18th Regiment N. I.

IN compliance with instructions received from the War Office, it is proposed that officers commanding British regiments will transmit to the Adjutant-General, direct and without delay, lists of those of their officers who claim exemption from the Special Army Examination in Horse Guard, G. O. 17 of 1874, in order that such claims for exemption may be checked at the Horse Guards. As it is very desirable that the question of the liability of the above officers should be settled without delay, commanding officers will include in the lists now called for, the names of all officers absent from regiments, about whose liability to further examination there may exist any reasonable doubt.

ARRIVALS—OCTOBER 6.

Foxenwdy, Lieutenant, 2nd Regiment N. I., on duty from Mhow.

OCTOBER 8.

Jephson, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, on leave, from Dharwar.

OCTOBER 7.

Percival, Veterinary Surgeon, Prince of Wales's Royal Hussars, on leave, from England.

Perkins, Surgeon, Bengal Staff Corps, on sick certificate, from Kurrachee.

Hogg, Captain, Bengal 11th Lancers, on furlough, from England.

Osborne, Captain, Bengal 11th Hussars, on leave, from Australia.

Leslie, Captain, Bengal 10th Hussars, on leave, from Australia.

St. Quintin, Captain, Bengal 10th Hussars, on leave, from Australia.

Hamilton, Surgeon-Major, Bengal Civil Surgeon, on furlough, from England.

DEPARTURES—OCTOBER 7.

Cooke, Colonel, Madras 16th Regiment N. I., to rejoin, to Jubbulpore.

Dyer, Lieutenant-Colonel, Staff Corps, on duty, to Ahmedabad.

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Simla, 23rd September 1874.

The Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to order the following gradings:—

Major Gen'l T C Pears, second Grade, to the Dacca Circle, as a temporary arrangement.

Major Shuttleworth, C. Cockburn, temporarily, to the Sangor Circle in the room of Major Surgeon Gen'l Bourke, C.B., who, with reference to G O G No 848 of 18th Sept 1874, Bgde Genl J. Brown, C.B., is posted to the Sangor District.

Maj T H C White, R S C, is transferred at his own request from Meerut to Peshawur, for general duty.

The undermentioned candidates are appointed to have passed the Lower Standard in Hindustani on 1st January 1875:—

Lieut G S Wheler 18th Bgt. Lieut Major F. N. M'Farland, Royal Artillery; Sergt H Mealy, 4th Foot; and Hospital Apprentice F F Bedell, 3rd Bde.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—

Lieut Hamerton, 2nd Bn 24th Foot, to Cape, on private affairs, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

Royal Artillery—Lieut F N Hamilton, No 3 Battery 5th Brigade, to Poona and Simla, from the 15th inst to the 30th inst, on medical certificate.

Capt H Mortimer, Deputy Assistant Commissary General, to Bombay, on private affairs, for one month, from date of leaving Simla, from the 30th Sept to the 30th October, on certificate of examination.

Surgn J A Ellery is appointed to Artillery Pack Bde, R A) to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

[Before the Hon. Sir Charles Sargent, Knight.]

NON-JURY CAUSES.

962-73—Cowjee, Lynch and Owen—Dinshaw Shapoorjee v Byramjee Nusserwanjee—Rimington, Hore and Limpkey—Part heard.

147—Hiram and Cleveland—Pallonjee Shapoorjee v Thomas White and others—Prescot and Winter—Part heard.

121-74—M E Rubinaya—Hajeebhoy Valley v Mogerally Dawa and others—Tyabjee and Sayani.

134-74—Mr. Fletcher—Muttunbebee, widow v Ameenabebee, widow.

194-74—Pringles and Smith—Jehangirji Hormusjee v Allahdinji Sarajee—Hormusji Cherideji.

[Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Bayley.]

FOR JUDGMENT.

853-70—J Gopall—Ramchandra Keshow v Yeshebai, widow and others—Shamrao.

MOTIONS.

SHORT CAUSES.

490-74—Jefferson and Payne—Haroath Hoopjee and others v Canjee Hearjee and another.

126-74—G J Mody—Vundravandas Vishalbund and another v Bai Bhanbaijee widow and another.

LONG CAUSES.

941-73—Jefferson and Payne—Gowasji Shet Giridharlalji v Manordas Gordhandas—Shapurjee & T—Part heard.

737-73—Jefferson and Payne—Hurryshet Ranjeetsing and others v Kishansing Thoorsulji and other—Crawford and Lowry.

[Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Marriott.]

ADMIRALTY SIDE.

9-74—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Nabeh Omer bin Salla Schaa v The Secretary of State for India, and Mr. Hearn.

TOMO CAUSES.

125-71—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Ghellabhoy Hamchund v Bhugvan Peranchelas.

153-71—Macfarlane and Skipsey—Manjee Khetsey v Murarjee Velji and others—Chuna and Turner.

271-74—Chuna and Turner—Murarjee Velji and others v Murarjee Kanjey—Hyde Inne and Skipsey.

102-71—Pinnock and Winter—Chilundas Dudderjee v Tarbewan Vurjoogee and another—Fletcher and Bain.

144-74—Rimington, Hore and Limpkey—Parwuttesbai, de v Lakhey Vuddhoo—Pinhey and Smith.

—Fletcher and Smith—Lakhey Hormusjee Patell v Pestonjee Eduljee Dastoor—Cragie, Lyoch and Owen.

All Money Cheques, Orders, and other Remittances, sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

ANNOUNCEMENT.

MR. A. MENIST,
OCULIST OPTICIAN
OF
AMSTERDAM AND LONDON,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Public that in consequence of the numerous applications which he continues to receive from India for his PERFECTED SPECTACLES, &c., he has arranged to send his qualified Assistant to Bombay in October next, with a complete assortment of his CELEBRATED OPTICS, by whom those requiring assistance in reference to their sight may rely every confidence is applying. The arrival of Mr. Menist's Assistant will be duly announced. 49, Burton Crescent, London, 7th August 1874.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BIRTH.

BARROW—October 1st, at Bhangalcore, the wife of F. H. Barrow, C.S., of a daughter.

YOUNG—October 1st, at Kedallahy Lodge, Coorg, the wife of J. H. Young, Esq., of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CHITTY—LOWE—October 3rd, before T. F. Bignold, Esq., C.S., Mr. Gideon Chitty, of Deal, to Miss Lydia Priscilla Lowe, of Bristol.

DEATHS.

BROWN—October 1st, on board the Steamer Colombo, of heart apoplexy, Captain Joseph Brown, aged 50 years.

MILMAN—October 1st, at No. 9, Cuddia Place, Nowrah, Mitchell Yard, the beloved wife of Mr. William Milman, Commander I. G. S. N. Co.'s Steamer Lucknow, and daughter of Philip Milman, Esq., R. N., 21 days after child-birth.

The Bombay Gazette.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1874.

THE arrival of a new Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army naturally sets people wondering, in the first place, what Sir Charles Staveley will think of the army he is appointed to command; and, in the second place, what the army will think of him. As regards this second question, Sir Charles is already known in Western India as a vigorous and capable leader, and, though his will be probably a sterner rule than that of his predecessor, his high military qualities cannot but secure the confidence of officers and men. It is not so easy to say what Sir Charles will think of the present state of the Bombay Native Army. Ungenerous critics affirm that a Commander-in-Chief in this Presidency has very little to do, and that the appointment might be abolished at a considerable saving of expense and with no loss of military efficiency. But Sir Charles Staveley will be able to supply ample justification for his official existence if he will but set himself steadily to work to solve the perplexing problem, whether the native regiments as now organized are in a perfect state of discipline, and fit to go anywhere, and do anything, or whether they compose a sham army on which no reliance can be placed, and which, if it were ordered on active service, would certainly fall to pieces in the first campaign. The Bombay Government and Sir Augustus Spencer seem to have entertained not the shadow of a doubt that the army is in splendid condition. In the General Orders in which they bade one another farewell, they offered the country their warm congratulations on the "general efficiency, orderly "behaviour, and soldierly bearing" of the troops, and Sir Augus us Spencer was careful to add that, although during the term of his command the army had not been called upon for active employment, it had "neglected nothing which "could tend to promote the highest state "of discipline and efficiency," so that, said his Excellency, "when the occasion may arise, I feel "confident that the Bombay Army can be relied "on, as in former times, for its gallantry and "devotion to its duties." Nor can this praise be ascribed altogether to the natural partiality of a chief for the troops he has himself had charge of, or to the pardonable weakness every man has for thinking very well of his own work. It is generally understood that Lord Napier of Magdala, when he reviewed the troops assembled at the camp of Chinchwad last December, said he had known the Bombay army for forty years, but in all his experience he had never seen it look better. It is contended, however, on the other side, that although the army makes a fair outward show, and although both officers and men are attentive to duty and observant of discipline, so that the regiments can go through their drill very well on parade, they have really been rendered inefficient for war by an organisation which only allows five or six European officers to each regiment. We are not ambitious of framing a new scheme of reorganisation in addition to the hundreds already before the public, but, in order that the arguments advanced by men who know a good deal about the internal economy of the native army may be fairly placed before our readers, we give some remarks addressed to us by way of commentary on the farewell-order of the late Commander-in-Chief:—

"It is difficult to understand upon what grounds the Government expects half a dozen officers to do the work of twenty, or how it can reconcile the large staff requisite in an European regiment for purposes of musketry instruction with the very inconsiderable one allowed to native corps. Both arms of the service, European and native, go through the same course of instruction and practice; but, whereas in the British regiment there is a qualified instructor of musketry, with sergeants especially trained to assist him in his duties, in the native corps there is no one but the wing officer to instruct several hundred men, assisted, it may be, or it may not be, by a wing subaltern, knowing as little of the business as himself. Under these circumstances the wing officer is overworked, and a mere pretence of instruction is of necessity substituted for what should be a reality; disgust and dissatisfaction are engendered, and duty is performed in a slovenly manner unbecoming the character of troops, which, although reckoned in re mercenaries, are clothed in the British uniform, and serve under the British flag. The absence of English officers is very remarkable at the ranges of native corps, where the native officers are practically useless as instructors, but this is not the only situation wherein we see native regiments adrift, as to speak, for lack of leaders. On the march it is just the same, and equally perceptible. A wing is now marched several hundred miles with no European officers but the wing officer and his subaltern, and when we consider all the accidents of the route, the probabilities of sickness, &c., &c., it is little short of marvellous that our military authorities are content to consider a couple of officers a sufficient strength to carry a large body of armed men and their followers from one part of the country to the other. Fortunately, we have not as yet had a war wherein to test the capacity of native troops thus officered, but, judging from the break-down of the system under the ordinary military occurrences of a time of peace, what can we expect of it on service, and when submitted to the severer strain of campaigning work in the field? In action it is not too much to suppose that several of the five or six European officers present with the regiment would be placed *hors de combat*, in which event the corps would be left very much to take care of itself, and would probably become unmanageable, or, at the best, incapable of acting promptly on the General's orders. It is possible enough that we might lose some important battle by such a misadventure as this, and this reflection alone should be sufficient to induce Lords Northbrook and Salisbury to bid adieu to that false economy in our military estimates that has denuded the native army of its very pith and marrow — the English officers. We say false economy advisedly, for what can be more falsely economical than to maintain a great army in a state of dubious efficiency? Better have half the number of troops equal to any occasion than a large body in whom no confidence can be placed; and, although we have nothing to say against the loyalty and courage of the Native Army, we repeat that it is impossible to have any confidence in troops whose officers are so overweighted, even in time of peace, as those of our native regiments. The fact is, that, in a period of profound peace, the native army, as it is, can just escape downright censure. By throwing more work on the shoulders of its English officers than they can actually perform in practice, it gets the credit of dragging somehow or other through the routine of military discipline, and it gets through its musketry, its marching, and the rest of it in a praiseworthy manner enough, considering how slender are the links that hold it together. For the

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NOTE OF THE DAY.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Times*, writing from Alexandria, makes some statements which, we are afraid, will not receive general credence. News, it seems, has been received of a "great victory" won by the Egyptian troops over an invading force of Darfourians. It seems that for some time past the Darfourians have excited the Bedouin tribes of Darfour against the Egyptians, and have supplied arms to the disaffected. At length they determined to invade Kordofan in force. Their army, amounting to 12,000 well-armed men, and commanded by Ed-Sultan Ahmine, was encountered on June 27, near a place called Kalkia, on the frontier of Kordofan, by a force of 1,600 Egyptians armed with Remington rifles. After a severe engagement of two hours the army of Darfour was defeated, with a very heavy loss in killed and prisoners. Their commander was among the slain and his son was captured. A most immediately after this, the Sultan of Darfour made a fresh attack on the Egyptian frontier, with an army (according to the despatch) amounting to 50,000 men, many of them well-armed cavalry. The second battle was fought on July 2, and lasted one hour and a quarter, when the enemy was utterly defeated, and vigorously followed up till night stopped the pursuit. The loss of the Darfourians is stated at 1,000 slain and 400 prisoners; 500 muskets, seven rifled cannon, and a large number of horses were captured. The Egyptians lost 18 killed, and had 16 wounded. If these figures are true the Egyptians must suddenly have become better soldiers than they used to be, or the Darfourians are very contemptible enemies. The Khedive is said to have sent [illegible] from Cairo to the belligerent districts, and this does not look as if the victories of the Egyptian soldiers were so brilliant as they have been represented. It is probable, however, that though these statements may have been originally from some imaginative Egyptian gentleman, keenly sensible of the value of his country's soldiery appearing well in the eyes of the world, yet the main assertion, about the defeat of the Darfourians, is true. Under these circumstances we may believe that it is certain the Khedive will annex Darfour. He is too closely acquainted with European modes of doing things not to see that there is great advantage in carrying out a policy of annexation.

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HIS EXCELLENCY Sir CHARLES STAVELEY, K.C.B., the new Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army, arrived by the P. and O. steamer H[illegible] yesterday. As previously arranged, a guard of honour, consisting of a full company of the 20th Regiment of Native Infantry with band and colours, under the command of Captain Gillmore, were marched down to the Apollo Bunder. A steam launch belonging to the Marine Department with a barge in tow was despatched to the Hydaspes, in which Brigadier-General Atchison, Adjutant-General, and Brigadier-General Goll, commanding the Presidency Division, with the officers of the Head Quarter's Staff, and Captain Searle, Superintendent of Marine, went to meet His Excellency. The launch with barge in tow returned to the Bunder at 11.30 a.m., but all present were doomed to be disappointed, as Sir Charles has expressed his intention of landing privately at Mazagon during the afternoon. A salute of 15 guns was fired by H. M. ship Philomel as the Hydaspes passed her on her way to Mazagon. On landing at Mazagon, at 4 P.M., His Excellency was received by the Honble Sir Charles Sargent, the Honble Mr. Bayley, Brigadier-General Goll, Colonel Clagett-Burk, Major Sexton, Major Chalaz, Captain Gillmore, and other civilians and officers of the garrison. His Excellency returned on board last night, and will land again at 5.30 a.m. to-day to start for Poona by the early train.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TOPICS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, 5th SEPTEMBER.

This day week, about the hour at which my letter was despatched, we in London became acquainted with some details of by far the most severe and horrible railway tragedy, which has fallen to our lot since the memorable accident at Abergele. Upon a single line of rails, within a short distance of Norwich, a down express and an up mail train had been driven into each other at high speed, shattering each other to fragments, killing eighteen or nineteen persons outright, and inflicting injuries more or less serious upon two or three score besides. Altogether, twenty-two have died, and many of the sufferers who yet survive give but little promise of recovery. In one respect this [illegible] catastrophe appears worse than the case [illegible] a coupling-rod having broken while a train was at a step, a petroleum explosion killed some thirty victims almost before they had time to become conscious of danger; for in this which has come to be called the Thorpe Accident there seem to have been none of the true elements of accident whatever. There was but one line of rails, over which two trains had to pass in opposite directions; punctuality was the exception, rather than the rule, and an officer stationed at Norwich was compelled to exercise his discretion, according to circumstances, as to which of the two should traverse the line first; there was no check upon the proceedings of this officer, except such as might be employed long after his orders were given, and there was no means of arresting the flight of a train which had left one station until it reached the other. Everything appears to have been in a chronic state of confusion and disorder. Consequently, the other evening, a telegraphic message having just ordered the mail train to come on from Thorpe to Norwich, the express was despatched from Norwich to Thorpe, and they crashed into one another midway. There is an inquest, there will be a Board of Trade enquiry, and possibly a trial for manslaughter. There is the most lavish display of indignation and horror throughout the country, and the Company (the Great Eastern) will be called upon to pay exemplary damages; and then, I suppose, we shall be left once more at the mercy of the most culpably careless of conscienceless corporations. It is a fact worthy of observation that this tragedy was one [illegible] not on one of our busy lines of road, where trains are passing several times a minute, but at a spot where the total traffic, goods, and passenger, does not exceed an average of eighteen or twenty trains per day. Strangely enough, while I have been writing this paragraph a telegram has arrived, announcing a most alarming accident to the up express at Abergele last night. In consequence of the removal of a rail by a workman who had not time to replace it, the front part of the train left the line, close to the spot where the Irish mail met its destruction six years ago. Fortunately, in this instance, nobody was killed.

Mr. Bass, member for Derby, has been the means of exposing what appears to be a tacit agreement amongst the railway companies to evade the law by making false returns of the number of casualties which happen to their servants. The official returns made in compliance with statute show 713 as the number of railway servants killed, and 1,171 as the number injured, during the [illegible] Mr. Bass's investigations [illegible] persons employed on railways, place the number of killed during that period at not less and probably more than 1,500, and the number of injured at 27,000. Eight important companies [illegible] distinctly charged with having made incorrect returns, and it is calculated that the fines to which they have thus rendered themselves liable will amount to more than £500,000. The exposure will certainly necessitate an official enquiry, if the memory of it do not blow over before Parliament re-assembles next February.

Another considerable shock has been caused by the outbreak of civil war in the Southern States of America; and, although the crisis appears for the moment to have passed, we shall be prepared for the future to hear of almost any outrage from that part of the world. The details of the riots in New Orleans—the overthrow of the *de facto* State authorities by the whites, who claim to be the rightful office-holders, the slaughter of black policemen, and the defeat and surrender of their forces under General Longstreet, with the ultimate surrender of the victors to the Federal Power upon promise of amnesty, and a return to *status quo ante bellum*—all this will probably have reached you from other sources. But you will be interested to know that the almost unanimous tone of the English Press has been that the whites were sorely aggrieved, but should not have rebelled; that the Federal Government was bound to put them down, but would "seriously strain the constitution" by interfering; and—now that it is all over, at least for a while—that both sides have "backed-down," exhibiting either a lamentable want of preparation or a shameful lack of courage.

French business has occupied much attention here during the week. On Sunday we heard of the death of the famous and veteran orator, statesman, and historian, M. Guizot, which was not altogether unexpected. Naturally the event carried men's thoughts back over the sixty years during which the wonderful old man had been, in one character or another, a prominent character on the historic stage. His last recorded words—except some mutterings about the loss of men in battle—were to the effect that it is hard to serve one's country, but it is necessary to serve her well. Various estimates, not always just, have been formed of his character, but [illegible] have ever been actively and constantly in the eye of the world, even down to his patriarchal age, that probably the time has not come when judgment can be delivered upon him perfectly free from the prejudice of antagonism or the bias of regard. It is gratifying to learn that he had fully completed the manuscript of his "History of France," and that the publishers, Messrs. Hachette, will be able to issue the two remaining volumes (IV. and V.) without any great delay.

On Sunday also, in the election for Maine-et-Loire, there occurred one of those sudden and unforeseen variations in the political weather-signs which make the prospects of France so dubious. Whereas in all recent elections the Bonapartists had come steadily to the front, in this last trial of strength their champion was utterly worsted. Even the friends of that questionable thing they call the Septennate were stronger than the Imperialists; and the Republicans, who may be almost said to have gone into the battle hopeless, came out victors. The change which such voting indicates is simply marvellous; but it would seem to prove that since 1871 the country has come round to the faith, that the Republic can be as safe and orderly as the Empire. Marshal MacMahon, partially recovered from the disgust which he was understood to have been filled by his tour in the north-west, has gone on another tour—this time of a more military and therefore more agreeable character; and is passing through a series of martial displays and Popular ovations, in which the cry of *Vive le Maréchal!* or *Vive MacMahon!* is at least as often and as clearly heard as *Vive le Président!* or *Vive la République!* And, simultaneously, the fortunes of the President's old comrade and rival, ex-Marshal Bazaine, have passed through another phase. He has written a letter of defence to Mr. Gordon Bennett, of the *New York Herald*, which resolves itself into an avowal of all the political considerations which were charged against him on his trial. Madame Bazaine was prohibited upon to consult her own safety by remaining away from the trial at Grasse, of Colonel Villette and the other persons accused of contributing to Bazaine's escape. The Court has satisfied itself that Bazaine did escape down the rope after all, but that the rope must have [illegible] states that there is not a word of truth in the [illegible] full of thin and irritable self consciousness and vanity, and as voluble in giving vent to it as any race of men in the world." The moral the *Pall Mall* draws from a possible career of two millions of British rule in India is that we ought not to expect impossibilities, or admit obligations which it is impossible to fulfil. If the famine had been all it was at one time supposed it would be, and followed by a second year of drought, "the people would have died by millions, and no one would have been justly liable to blame." "The English people, in short, ought to know that there are such things as inevitable calamities, and that it is morally certain that several of them will sooner or later take place in India on an enormous scale." We ought, of course, to do what we can to avert or palliate them. The *Pall Mall* has no confidence in education as a means to this end. "The things which will to some extent palliate famine are irrigation and the accumulation of capital in India, and its investment in mainline and trade; and this process we believe to be going on more extensively than many people suppose."

The *Times* of yesterday printed another long letter from its Calcutta correspondent, following up its two previous proposals for the prevention of famine—irrigation and coolie emigration—with a third, which is "the improvement or reclamation of the land in India itself and the extension of trade." In a leading article, the same journal classifies all the suggestions or attempts to secure the regular food supply under two heads:—1st, plans for reducing the number of mouths to be fed; 2nd, plans for increasing the amount of food. Some of the latter class can be taken in hand without delay. "The introduction, for example, of a proper system of irrigation would be at least so far beneficial that it would guard against the near recurrence of another Indian Famine, though it could do nothing in the long run to remedy the evil results of that excess of population which it would somewhat tend to encourage. The development of Indian commerce and manufactures would be a more real cure, by the new wants and the new tastes which it would introduce, not less than by the new wealth which it would create. But this is a specific which will not accomplish its cure in a day, and, when the obstacles to its free working

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL OF THE 23RD SEPTEMBER.

The P. & O. Co.'s [illegible] Commander Lennoldson, arrived [illegible] morning with the English [illegible] 18th September on board. She left Suez on the 25th at 4 p.m., and Aden on the 30th September at 11 p.m. The following is the list of passengers:—

FROM SOUTHAMPTON.

[illegible] Phillips — Mrs and Miss Lewis
Mrs W. F. N. Graham, infant, child and native female servant — Mr Bloomfield
Miss Graham — Mr J. H. Smith
Mrs Grant — Mrs Grant
Miss Grant — Mrs and Miss Wilkinson
Miss Lee — Miss Norris
Captain and Mrs M'Gillivray, infant, and native female servant — Mrs Thomson
Mrs Jones — Miss Morris
Miss Jones — Mr Hankinson
Mr H. S. Nicholetts — Mr W. Barker
Miss Graves — Miss Brown
Mr C. H. Collette — Miss [illegible]
Major Yeomans — Charles — Mr Boulton
Mrs C. James
Lt. and Mrs Palmer
Mr McCartney
Major and Mrs Justice and child

FROM BRINDISI.

Mr and Mrs Hall — Mrs W. Barnes
Miss Alice Wilson — Mr Wood
Mr Pearson, Assistant Engineer — Miss Rhinehart
Mr Donald, native servant — Mrs Lovell
Mrs Ballard — Miss Leach
Master Ballard — Miss Roberts
Mrs Ramsay — Miss Sandeman and Miss Jones
Mr Ramsay — Mr Udell
Mr A. Jackson
Mr Hazlehurst

FROM ADEN.

Mr & Mrs Samuel — Mrs Solomon and Family
Mr Russell — Mr Hamilton, Lieut. Gunboat
Mr Rose — Miss Scott, Lone Cottage

HEADS OF INTELLIGENCE.

(Home News, September 18.)

THE Emperor of Germany, accompanied by the Imperial prince and princess, has been paying a visit to Hanover.

Marshal MacMahon has been continuing his tour through the French provinces, and has been well received by all parties. The Spanish Ambassador has presented his credentials.

M. Guizot died on Sept. 12. His funeral took place on Sept. 15 at the cemetery of St. Ouen-le-Pin.

The Correctional Tribunal of Genoa have given judgment in the case of the persons accused of assisting in the escape of Marshal Bazaine. Colonel Villette has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and the other persons charged to various terms of confinement. Some of the accused were discharged.

The Czar, it is reported, has addressed a letter to Don Carlos assuring him of his sympathy.

Serious disturbances are reported from New Orleans by the outbreak of a party called the White League; the troops have been called out to quell the disturbance; and the Governor has been deposed by the rioters. The disturbance is said to be extending throughout Louisiana.

Commendant Gonzalez, who committed the outrage on Consul Magee at Guatemala, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

The royal family circle at Balmoral has been joined by the Duke of Edinburgh and Mr. Disraeli.

The Prince of Wales has joined the Princess at Copenhagen.

A residence is being taken for the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh in the Isle of Wight. It is expected that the Empress of Russia will shortly pay a visit to her royal daughter.

Lord Rivers has visited the Tichborne claimant in prison, and sends the particulars of his interview to the papers.

The Manchester relief fund in aid of the Bengal Famine has amounted to £13,000.

A statue to the memory of the late Earl of Mayo will shortly be unveiled at Cockermouth.

From the latest particulars of the fatal railway collision at Thorpe, near Norwich, it appears that the [illegible] at Norwich, whose orders caused the collision, has been suspended; the coroner's inquest has been opened and adjourned for a few days.

Captain John Dent Bird, of the 20th Hussars, has been shot dead by one of his own troop while at drill at Aldershot.

The International Congress of Orientalists have had several meetings in London during the past week, and have been entertained at the India Office, British Museum, and by Sir Bartle Frere at Wimbledon. Various papers have been read, and [illegible] the members of Congress will be entertained by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.

The Doncaster St. Leger has been won by Sir Lumley's Apology; Lecturer 2, Trent 3. George Frederick was scratched on the day of the race.

M. Durouf has made an ascent from the Crystal Palace grounds in one of Mr. Coxwell's balloons. The wreck of his own was discovered near Christiansund in Norway.

Monster meetings are contemplated to be held through Ireland in furtherance of the Home-rule movement. The first will be held early in October in Londonderry and Marlborough, when Messrs. Butt, Mitchel Henry, and other M.P.'s are expected to be present.

Obituary on the Week.—M. Guizot; Lord Beaumont, Sir Robert Smart; Dr. Austin; the Hon. and Rev. W. A. Hobart; the Hon. C. F. D'Arcy Long Fox; Lady A. Henrietta Milbank; James Allen, Esq., Parr and O. Company; the Earl of Cardigan; Lord Fermoy; Lady Ruthin; D. J. McNeile, Esq., Bengal C.S.; J. McCarthy, Esq., C.S.; Major-Gen. J. E. Westropp, Bo. Est.; the Hon. and Rev. S. J. Fremantle.

THE ARMY.

(London Gazette, Sept. 15.)

WAR OFFICE, PALL MALL, 15TH SEPTEMBER.

2nd Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant Albert McCann to be Captain, vice Arthur Julian Barnett, retired. Dated 18th August, 1871.

5th Dragoon Guards, Captain William Robinson Truman, from the 13th Hussars, to be Captain, vice E. H. Mansfield, who exchanges. Dated 19th September, 1874.

13th Hussars, Captain Edward Berry Mansfield, from the 5th Dragoon Guards, to be Captain, vice W. B. Truman, who exchanges. Dated 19th September, 1874.

Royal Engineers, Colonel Gother Frederick Mann, C.B., retires upon full-pay. Dated 5th August, 1874.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Anthony Charles Goose, R.A., to be Colonel, vice C. F. Mann, C.B., retired upon full-pay. Dated 5th August, 1874.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Ross Clarke, C.B., from the Superintendency, to be Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Brevet Colonel Arthur Cunningham, C.B., who retires upon full-pay. Dated 19th September, 1874.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Cole Dobbs placed upon the Temporary Reserve List. Dated 19th September, 1874.

The temporary Commission of Lieutenant Richard Stephen Hall to be made permanent. Dated 16th December, 1871.

Grenadier Guards, Sub-Lieutenant Francis Cecil Richards to be Lieutenant. Dated 19th September, 1874.

Sub-Lieutenant Lowes Vivian Loyd to be Lieutenant. Dated 19th September, 1874.

Rifle Battalion Grenadier Guards, Lieutenant Lord Arthur Charles Seymour to be Lieutenant, vice Cecil Halford Hall, deceased. Dated 15th August, 1874.

Brigade Depôt, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel Reginald Tongue Stapleton, C.B., retires on half-pay. Dated 1st October, 1874.

1st Foot, Lieutenant Alfred Robert Foley receives the value of an Ensigncy on final transfer to the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 19th September, 1874.

4th Foot, Sub-Lieutenant Charles Sinclair Sheppard to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th October, 1874.

5th Foot, Lieutenant Charles Wynne Finch receives the value of an Ensigncy on final transfer to the Indian Staff Corps. Dated 19th September, 1874.

7th Foot, Sub-Lieutenant Henry Martindale Tomlin to be Lieutenant, dated 9th September, 1874, but his Commission as Lieutenant in the Army to bear date the 8th [illegible], 1874.

10th Foot, Sub-Lieutenant Charles Sinclair Sheppard to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th October, 1874.

19th Foot, Sub-Lieutenant George Alfred Money to be Lieutenant. Dated 16th September, 1874.

24th Foot, Sub-Lieutenant Henry Stanley Massey, from the 40th Foot, to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 16th September, 1874.

Sub-Lieutenant Archibald Rose Murray, from the 44th Foot, to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 16th September, 1874.

45th Foot, Lieutenant Robert Stuart Clarke to be Captain, vice [illegible] H. Harwood, retired. Dated 26th August, 1874.

Lieutenant Frederick Charles Caldwell retires from the Service, receiving the value of his Commission. Dated 19th September, 1874.

Lieutenant Francis Willoughby Lake resigns his Commission. Dated 16th September, 1874.

Apothecary Henry Hilcox to be Assistant Establishment to the Forces, vice [illegible] deceased. Dated 19th September, 1874.

The following promotions to take place on the British Establishment in consequence of the death, on the 15th August, 1874, of Lieutenant-General David Baburgh, Madras Infantry:—

Brevet Colonel Edmund Robbs, from Major, half-pay, to be Lieutenant-General. Dated 6th March, 1868.

Major James Challoner Smith, half-pay, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 19th August, 1874.

Captain Alfred Stoughton, 47th Foot, to be Major. Dated 19th August, 1874.

The following promotions to take place consequent on the death, on the 19th August, 1874, of Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir Edward James Lindsay, K.C.B.G., Colonel of the 3rd Foot:—

Major-General His Royal Highness Prince Frederick Christian Charles Augustus of Schleswig-Holstein, K.C.B., to have the rank of Lieutenant-General. Dated 19th August, 1874.

Major-General Phillip Kearney McGregor Stanhope, C.B., Bombay Staff Corps, to be Lieutenant-General. Dated 19th August, 1874.

Brevet Colonel William Inglis, C.B., from Lieutenant-Colonel, half-pay, 3rd Foot, to be Major-General, dated 6th March, 1868; to antedate his rank to carry back-pay prior to 14th August, 1874.

Major William John Brook, half-pay, late 30th Foot, to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Dated 19th August, 1874.

Captain George Gerrard Marson, half-pay, 77th Foot, Town Major, Gibraltar, to be Major, dated 4th December 1871, such antedate not to carry back-pay prior to the 14th August, 1874.

DEVRAH RACES, 1874.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

FIRST DAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1874.

FIRST RACE.—The Lilliputian Stakes of Rs. 10 each, and Rs. 100 added. Straight run in.

Mr Graham's ..... g h m Lucy	9 11 Donaldson 1
Mr Ale ..... dun c h m Yellow Ochre	8 10 Bowen 2
Colonel Neate's ..... b h p Viking	9 10 Price 0
Ramdas Singh's ..... g c h p Miller	9 4 Dafir 0

Yellow Ochre, the favourite, took the lead, which he retained till he arrived within a few lengths of the winning post, when Lucy passed him and won by half a length. Betting 5 to 4 on Yellow Ochre; 7 to 2 against Lucy.

SECOND RACE.—Trial Stakes at Rs. 50 each, and Rs. 300 added. For all horses. One mile.

Mr Walker's ..... g w g Prowler	8 2 Finch ... W. O.

THIRD RACE.—Devrah Derby of Rs. 50 each and Rs. 300 added. For all maiden A[illegible]

Mr Graham's ..... g g h Lucy	9 7 Donaldson 1
Mr Alexander's ..... g g h Zaida	9 7 Blackburn 2
Mr Muirhead's ..... g g h South Down, late [illegible]	
Thyra	8 12 Bowen 3

North Devon made the running with Gossips Frederick second, and the other two going behind. Just before coming to the half mile post from home Nizam came through his horses and won in a canter by ten lengths.

Time—3m. 20s.; last mile, 1m. 59s.

Betting—2 to 1 on Nizam; long odds against the others.

FOURTH RACE.—Navy Stakes of Rs. 50 each and Rs. 300 added. Sailing performance allowance, 3 knots.

Mr Muirhead's ..... [illegible] w m Margaret	8 7 Donaldson. 1
Colonel Neate's ..... [illegible] w m Viking	8 7 Blackburn. 2
Mr Ale ..... [illegible] w m Mendicant	8 0 Bowen 3

Margaret, who is very quick on her legs, got the best of the start, kept strong load till she reached the winning post, when Killarney challenged her. A good race home, and the latter winning by half a length.

Time—1m. 51s.

Betting—Even on Margaret and Mendicant; 5 to 4 against Killarney.

FIFTH RACE.—Maiden Plate of Rs. 50 and Rs. 250 added. For all Galloways, Maiden allowance. One mile.

Mr Graham's ..... g g h Bijou	Mr. Shakespear 1
Mrs Smith's ..... w h m Opal	Captain Bond ... 2
Mrs Saunders' ..... ch h m Nizam	Mr [illegible] 3

It was hoped that this race would draw a good field together, but from reasons best known to themselves, two or three locals who had originally intended starting their favourites, changed their minds at the last, so only the above three appeared at the post. From her size and appearance Bijou was the favourite when the horses paraded past the stand, but Bijou proved too good for both Nizam and Opal, and won without difficulty by two lengths, to the intense gratification of his fair owner.

Time—[illegible]

Thus ended the Rajpootana Ride Meeting of 1874, which was admitted by everyone to have been a complete success. Each night the lotteries were well attended and well filled, giving a good help to the race fund. Next year, when the railway will be open to Ajmere, we expect the meeting to be a really good one and to take its place among the big Meets of the N.W.A. and if the other Chiefs of Rajpootana will all come forward next year and follow this generous and sporting example shown them by the Maharajah of Jodhpore, there is little doubt that it will be so. As previously stated, too much praise cannot be given to the popular secretary, who spared no trouble and exertion for the public good and the success of the races, well backed up, we must say, by most of the stewards.—*Free Press Jour.*

BOMBAY.

THE TOTAL [illegible] ... riches

THE VEHAR LAKE.—The height of water in the Vehar Lake for the week ending Saturday 3rd instant, was 78 feet 8 inches, the rainfall to same date being 82 inches 73 cents. In the corresponding week last year it was 59 feet 9 inches, the rainfall being 88 inches 72 cents.

A DESERTION.—On Tuesday last the arrest of Gunner John Baxter, a deserter from C/8 Brigade Royal Artillery, Mhow, was effected by Inspector Thomas Sweeney. The man is 26 years of age, and is a baker by trade. He has for some little time been employed in Mr. Ralph's Cowrah quarry establishment, but was discharged on habits of intemperance. He was arrested at Coompravelly upon suspicion by Inspector Sweeney, who receives the usual reward.

THEATRE.—Yesterday, before Mr. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, one Akbuda Hussain was charged with stealing from a certain Gomajee Sookajee on Tuesday last, a gold carring of the value of Rs. 12. It appeared that the complainant, who keeps a stall in the Crawford Market was asleep on the morning of that day, when he saw a thief in the act of which immediately awoke him. The prisoner attempted to make off, but was soon arrested and made over to a police peon. His Worship convicted and sentenced him to six months rigorous imprisonment.

LOCALLY RAISE COTTON.—The adjourned meeting of shareholders of the company was held yesterday at its office, Victoria Terminus, when the result of the poll taken on Monday last was to be declared. The chairman stated, however, that as some of the shareholders had adopted proceedings in the High Court against the directors and obtained an injunction restraining them from declaring the result of the poll and declaring a dividend, the best course to adopt was to adjourn the meeting. It was accordingly adjourned until the 14th November next.

ASSAULT.—One Alli Mahomed Khan was yesterday charged before Mr. C. P. Cooper, with assaulting another Mahomedan named Ebrahim Osman. It appeared the defendant had been indebted to the complainant a small sum of money, payment of which he was in the habit of repeatedly putting off. The day before yesterday the complainant met him and demanded an immediate settlement, when he rose up into abuse and struck the complainant on the face with a brick. His Worship, upon conviction, sentenced the defendant to a fine of Rs. 20.

THUNDERSTORM AT POONA.—A very strange storm burst over Poona on Monday evening at 7 o'clock. There were only two peals of thunder and these were terrific. The [illegible] was followed immediately by the peals of thunder to which we have referred. The sudden way in which the storm came on without warning, no [illegible] being only two bright red vivid flashes of lightning and two peals of thunder, made the storm one of the most weird. These were very little rain and the weather became [illegible] as it only right that we should do that since [illegible] settling the question of the connection should be disposed of. Everything was done fairly and above board, and the transaction was one greatly to the advantage of the Corporation, which was really [illegible] to [illegible] in the matter.

Mr. Maclean said he thought the misunderstanding had arisen from the facts being only imperfectly known outside, and that probably it would not have occurred if there had been full publicity in the matter.

Mr. Rashunath Narayen observed that his lamented friend's motive in the matter had been much misunderstood and much misrepresented in the vernacular newspapers, where he had been represented as trying to make a bargain for himself. The explanations given by Mr. Pedder should set all doubts at rest, but if there was no objection the late Rashunath would ask that Mr. Barrow should read the correspondence that took place between Mr. Narayen and the Commissioner at the time when the negotiations were entered into.

The Secretary then read the following letter, dated 21st March 1874:—

My dear Mr. Pedder,—You will remember that some three months ago while we were driving out to Mahim, I mentioned to you that a large estate on the Flats near Byculla was about to be sold, and that myself and other friends were thinking of purchasing it. I also then told you that if the Municipality desired to avail itself of the opportunity of acquiring such an estate, we would retire in their favour. On a personal application, you fully approved of the land and deputed Mr. Weir and Mr. Brandon to see whether any portion of it could be utilized as a burial place. They reported favourably in respect to a portion of it, with reference to the [illegible] object, and therefore called a meeting of the Town Council, at which you stated that it was out of the question for the Municipality to purchase the entire estate, but that if we would purchase [illegible] at about 100 to 120 square feet, you would [illegible] that [illegible] would be [illegible] at that meeting there were other friends and myself were the only late-day purchasers, and I felt confident that I could induce them to relinquish their intention of purchasing that portion of the estate required by the Municipality, it was probable that the land could be obtained at the [illegible] sale at from 3 to 4 annas per square foot. The Town Council authorized the purchase at 6 annas, and you accordingly gave Mr. Narayen Pyramjee Jeejeebhoy a cheque for the usual deposit of 25 per cent. The auction which was to have taken place the following day was, however, postponed, and no arrangement was being made for the sale of the estate in the lump. The small sale was subsequently [illegible] and the usual advertisement [illegible] for the sale of the several lots appeared in the newspapers, having found that absolute [illegible] besides myself, was in the field. [illegible] if there was [illegible] I [illegible] your office, in company with Mr. Rashunath Byculla Jeejeebhoy and suggested that it would be [illegible] for the Municipality, for the sake of 2 or 3 annas per yard extra, to allow us [illegible] square feet. You readily consented, observing as the Executive Engineer had [illegible] the result, &c. &c. &c. [illegible] Bank Lane, London. Export Depôt, Rue [illegible] Belgium.

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BOMBAY TOWN COUNCIL.

AT the weekly meeting of the Town Council, held on Tuesday last, there were present:—Charles Cowasjee, Esq., in the chair; Dr. Cook, Dr. Hewlett, Dr. Peterson, J. M. Maclean, Esq., Doosibhoy Framjee, Esq., Ramchundy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Esqrs., Raghunath Narayan Tulaji, Esq., and Shantaram Narayan, Esq., W. C. Pedder, Esq., Municipal Commissioner, was also present.

The Chairman said the first business on the list was a petition from householders of Dhobie Talao, dated 25th September 1871, begging that they may be exempted from payment on account of the improved drainage works lately constructed in their district.

The Chairman read the following memo., dated the 30th September last, by Mr. Ravenscroft, on the subject:—The acting Municipal Commissioner begs to report that he is not aware of any section of Act 5 of 1872, under which, in cases of this description, an appellies from his decision to the Town Council. Mr. Ravenscroft thinks, therefore, that the petitioners should be informed that, as under section 92 of the Act, the entire executive power and responsibility for the purposes of this Act, is vested in the Commissioner, and as the Commissioner has passed orders on the point in question, the Town Council cannot interfere.

Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy said he wished to make no remark on the subject, but would draw attention to the statement in the petitioners' letter that the water of one of the wells brought through the gullies of some houses, and that it was "something like engraching on the rights and possession of others?" and that, therefore, the work could not be done by private individuals.

Mr. Pedder said he would explain the discrepancy in the matter.

It was resolved that the petitioners be informed that the Town Council are unable to interfere in the matter.

The Chairman said the next subject was the payment of Rs. 49 to Mr. Ardaseer Nusserwanjee Mody in compensation for a small piece of ground taken for the improvement of Chenel Gate Street.

Mr. Pedder said that the gentleman having had a step projecting into the foot-path, it was very much required for the improvement there. He ought to have given notice to the Municipal authorities, and in this instance he acted illegally. But Mr. Ravenscroft agreed, under the circumstances, that Rs. 49 should be paid to him.

The Council sanctioned the payment.

The Chairman said the next subject was a correspondence between Mr. Souter and the Commissioner regarding a supervisive excess of Rs. 135 on the grant for police quarters requirement on the proposed erection of a house in Naval Aldjoi Rahmon Street for police purposes.

The Chairman read the correspondence.

The Chairman said it would be an addition of Rs. 75 a month, but it would not be any addition to the aggregate sanctioned expenditure for this year. It would be paid out of the savings.

Mr. Pedder said this year it would be paid out of the savings, and next year it would go into the budget. He was sure there was a want of police accommodation in the native town, and he thought the proposed excess might be sanctioned. It would be advantageous to have a police station in that district.

The Council sanctioned the proposed excess, it being understood that it would be met by savings this year.

The next matter was a letter to Government from Messrs. F. W. Ravenscroft and W. C. Pedder, intimating that, on the 1st inst., they respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Municipal Commissioner. The letter was acknowledged.

The next item on the notice paper was the following:—"The Municipal Commissioner will bring before the Council the question of the purchase of land for a burying ground."

The Municipal Commissioner.—This is a question which has been brought before the Town Council once or twice before, and it will be in the remembrance of some members that early in the spring of this year the late Honourable Mr. Narayen Vasudeo mentioned to me that an estate on the flats was then in the market, which he, Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee, and one or two other gentlemen thought purchasing. The estate lies just in rear of the Elphinstone College building, part of it is situated on the [illegible] yard, and you thought it was desirable for the Municipality to secure the land at even 1 rupee a square yard, as it did not require reclaiming. Mr. Souter, in his gentlemanly manner, in connection with the matter, stated to Mr. Narayen that 6 annas, if I recollect right, was the lowest price he could accept. Mr. Narayen, however, persisted against the price being raised, and intended on the plots being sold as advertised, in order that we might, if possible, ensure to the Municipality the [illegible] purchase of those plots above which they desired to purchase. The auctioneer replied that he would not put each lot separately, but at an upset price. He then put up one plot and in bidding against it expressed his determination to purchase the plots at more than 6 annas per square yard, as his instructions were to sell the whole estate in one lump. On Tuesday I informed you of what had occurred, and that it was the intention of my friends and myself to purchase the whole estate and suggested that you should obtain a vote of the Town Council for the purchase of the plots you require at 6 annas per square yard. On Wednesday we effected the purchase of the entire estate for Rs. 65,960 and the usual brokerage of 2 per cent. and the usual conveyance charges. This gives an average of about 4½ annas per yard. You are aware that a great portion of the land which falls to our share is in detached plots which need reclamation, while there is a small portion which perhaps may be fitted to such better than that required by the Municipality. I recently mentioned to you that if we had not joined together in this purchase, we could not have secured this land, for each of consisting as even 12 annas per square yard, while the Municipality would have found equal if not greater difficulty in obtaining it. I [illegible] strongly [illegible] my views, as I told you at the time, that the Municipality have the portion it requires at 6 annas per square yard, which I think you will consider only fair and moderate. Although the property was [illegible] Municipality some, my own share of it as [illegible] still, inasmuch as I am, being a member of the Corporation of the Town Council, I consider it prudent to place no impediment in the way of that body purchasing [illegible] at the [illegible] price, as that [illegible] would be necessary before any [illegible] could be [illegible] for the [illegible] purposes. I [illegible] you that I have had no communication [illegible] Bellasyses, &c. [illegible] Narayen Vasudeo.

Mr. Maclean observed that he was very glad to have heard these explanations, as no doubt very erroneous opinions had gone abroad. Mr. Narayen had told him in the letter that had just been read, and it appeared that he had only acted his usual part in trying to do a good service for the Corporation. But at the same time it seemed to him (Mr. Maclean) that it would be for the best for the town should be no secret arrangements of any kind entered into, even if the result of the Commissioner's going into the market direct was that the Corporation had to pay more for its purchase.

The Commissioner—I quite acknowledge the justice of what Mr. Maclean has just said; but in my case I hope it will be put upon record that whatever mistake there was, was mine. I sought to have remembered at the time that my friend the late Mr. Narayen could not take part in a sale of this kind to the Corporation, and throughout there was no possible objection on his part as my agent in making the purchase. The error occurred when our original intention was frustrated by the decision of the Official Assignee to sell the estate in one lot. I was going home just at the time, and in the hurry of the moment a mistake was made.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. Shantaram Narayen—That the Council are quite satisfied with the explanations of the Municipal Commissioner in regard to the recent negotiations for the acquisition of land for burial purposes near the Do'Lele Road on the Flats, and approve of the proposal of the Municipal Commissioner to re-open the negotiation.—Carried.

On the motion of Dr. Blaney, seconded by Mr. Shantaram Naraven, Mr. J. M. Maclean was appointed a member of the Finance Committee.

A communication from Government regarding the appointment of Mr. F. H. Souter, C.S.I., as a member of the Corporation in room of Mr. Ormiston was recorded.

The Council then separated.

THE RETIREMENTS FROM THE MADRAS ARMY.

THE following is the complete list of those Officers who have been granted annuities, also of those who submitted applications for retirement:—

Colonel T. Clark,		Colonel W. D. Stanley,	
"	D. G. Pollard,	"	C. W. Taylor,
"	A. F. Steele,	"	A. J. [illegible],
"	H. B. Walpole,	"	R. A. Bannister,
"	[illegible]	"	A. Ashmore,
"	[illegible]	"	J. Orr,
"	C. de Lisle,	"	C. T. Hankinson,
"	Sir F. Goldsmid,	"	A. Sapte,
"	G. Paxton,	"	W. Graves,
"	C. J. Bradley,	"	R. B. Morgan,
"	C. H. Hossegan,	"	W. R. S. Mulcaster,
"	F. N. Smith,	"	W. N. Pace,
"	F. N. Haultain,	"	J. G. Palmer,
"	C. Polley,	"	W. P. S. Smith,
"	E. R. F. Holland,	"	W. H. Canning,

The following Officers also applied to retire under the scheme, but their applications have had to be rejected as only 30 retirements are allowed to the Madras Army:—

Colonel S. B. Ramsay,		Colonel W. Ramsay,	
"	J. H. L. Kerr,	"	J. Battie,
"	J. Michel,	"	C. V. Gordon,
"	G. W. Cox,	"	H. Ides,
"	W. A. Deey,	"	H. W. Beaul,
"	A. S. Bowen,	"	J. F. Keith,
"	G. Elliott, &c.		

THE BLOOD IN THE KISTNA.

BEZWARAH, 29TH SEPT. 6 P.M.

In the Telegram, I have sent you all the news obtainable. It is impossible to get down the canal more than 12 miles, or to get up from Masulipatam more than 15, so that what may be the condition of the intervening 20 miles of the canal is not yet known. The Kistna has swept over it, and must, therefore, have spoiled it. It is said that Wolsur, a town of about four or five thousand people, is washed away, but the people took shelter in the fort. Grain has been sent to them. The worst circumstance is, I suppose, the giving way of the river embankments. It is said that dead bodies were seen floating down the river, but this may not be true. It was stated that 2,000 were lost in a village above Bezwarah, but was proved to be untrue. The people lost their houses, but saved themselves. There were about 1,000 people within a few miles of this place without homes, but they are making shelter for themselves. The villages were on the bank of the river above Bezwarah and within the dykes. Grain has been sent to them.

In 1858 (August) the river rose 11 feet 3 inches above the mouth. This was the highest mark since the building of the anicut until the present time. On Saturday evening last it rose to 19 feet 5 inches. It has gradually subsided 3 inches on Sunday and Monday. To-day and last night it has decreased 1 foot 6 inches, so that it still stands at 17.9. The flow is measured, and a daily record kept by the D.P.W. at the head-works. I will give you particulars as I hear them.

Major Haated, R.E., is here, anxiously watching the head-works and preparing for emergencies.—*Correspondent Madras Mail.*

INDIAN NEWS.

ROBBERIES.—We hear that an extensive robbery in the house of an officer living in the Sapper Lines took place on Monday night, when about Rs. 700 worth of plate, jewelry, &c., was stolen. Another robbery also took place on the same night on the high ground.—*Bangalore Examiner.*

TEN POST OFFICE NOTE CASES.—A third of the four currency notes lately abstracted from a registered letter in the head Post Office, has been intercepted by the Currency Office at Madras. It was presented for payment at the Madras Bank, at Madras, on the 14th of last month. Inspector Hartnett has gone to Madras on a special errand in connection with these cases, which is likely to throw an interesting light upon the subject. By the same opportunity he took down two European prisoners from the European Jail here, to the Penitentiary at Madras.—*Southern India Observer.*

RECOGNITION OF AGRA STEAMER AS AN INDIAN ACCOMP.—At the Town Police Court, recently, before Mr. Campbell, Captain J. H. Crowther, Deputy Master Attendant and Shipping Master of the Port of Madras, charged a European named John Skewen with neglecting or neglecting to join the steamer Nyanza, without a reasonable excuse after having signed articles to proceed to Bombay and back, and after having received an advance of Rupees 80. The evidence showed that the defendant signed the articles of an Engagement on the 27th July last, at the Shipping Master's Office, and received an advance of Rupees 80, but he failed to proceed on board, and the steamer left the port without him. The conduct of the defendant was reported to the Police, and Sergeant Underwood was directed to make a search for him. The Police Sergeant was on the look out for the defendant, but could not succeed in finding him before last Sunday, when he was arrested in a house in Big Pardesery. The defendant stated that, after receiving the advance, he got drunk and found himself at Palaveram on the following day, after which he was ashamed to come back to Madras and therefore he proceeded up the country in search of employment which, however, he had failed in getting. His Worship convicted the defendant, and sentenced him to ten weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.—*Madras Times.*

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THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

EUROPEAN EXTRACTS.

THE MURDER OF CAPTAIN DENT BIRD.

—AT ALDERSHOT.

One of the most interesting and mysterious murders which has been perpetrated in England for many years was discovered at Aldershot on Sept. 14, in the morning, and the circumstances of the case, as far as they have been ascertained, are as follows:—

Captain Dent Bird, of the 2nd battalion of the 60th Rifles, was found dead in his bed, with his throat cut from ear to ear, and a razor lying by his side. The deceased officer was a married man, and lived with his wife and family in a house in Victoria-road, Aldershot. He was a captain of seven years' standing, and was highly esteemed by his brother officers. He was in the habit of rising early, and was generally dressed and out of his house by seven o'clock. On the morning of the 14th, however, he was not down at the usual hour, and his servant, Private Samuel Lacy, went into his bedroom to see what was the matter. He found his master lying on his bed, with his throat cut in the most frightful manner, and the razor with which the deed had been committed lying by his side. Lacy at once gave the alarm, and Dr. Wilson, the surgeon of the regiment, was quickly in attendance, but he could render no assistance, as it was evident that life had been extinct for some hours. Captain Dent Bird was not undressed, but had evidently been in bed when the murderer entered his room. The bed-clothes were disarranged, and there was a large pool of blood on the sheets. The deceased officer was lying on his back, with his head thrown back and his throat gaping open. The razor was lying by his side, and there was no sign of any struggle having taken place. The murderer must have entered the room very quietly, as Lacy, who was sleeping in the next room, heard nothing. The door of the room was found open in the morning, but it was not known whether it had been left open by the murderer or by Captain Dent Bird himself. The deceased officer was not known to have any enemies, and the motive for the murder is a mystery. Captain Dent Bird was a married man, and has left a widow and family to mourn his loss. He was a native of Ireland, and was about 40 years of age. He was a fine, handsome man, and was very popular with his brother officers. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, and was well known in London society. He was a keen sportsman, and was a member of the Aldershot Hunt. He was also a member of the Freemasons' Lodge at Aldershot. He was buried on Saturday last with military honours in the cemetery at Aldershot. The funeral was attended by a large number of officers and men of the regiment to which the deceased officer belonged. The coffin was covered with flowers, and was followed to the grave by the widow and family of the deceased officer, and by a large number of the officers and men of the 60th Rifles. The Rev. Mr. Hall officiated at the grave. The greatest sympathy is felt for the widow and family of the deceased officer in their sad bereavement. Up to the present time no clue has been discovered to the murderer, and the police are completely at fault. The deceased officer was in debt to the extent of £1,000, but his creditors have expressed themselves perfectly satisfied that the murder was not committed for the purpose of robbery. The deceased officer was in the habit of wearing a valuable gold watch and chain, and these were found untouched in the room. The murderer must have entered the room for the purpose of murder, and for no other purpose. The deceased officer was a very popular man, and was highly esteemed by his brother officers. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, and was well known in London society. He was a keen sportsman, and was a member of the Aldershot Hunt. He was also a member of the Freemasons' Lodge at Aldershot. He was buried on Saturday last with military honours in the cemetery at Aldershot. The funeral was attended by a large number of officers and men of the regiment to which the deceased officer belonged. The coffin was covered with flowers, and was followed to the grave by the widow and family of the deceased officer, and by a large number of the officers and men of the 60th Rifles. The Rev. Mr. Hall officiated at the grave. The greatest sympathy is felt for the widow and family of the deceased officer in their sad bereavement. Up to the present time no clue has been discovered to the murderer, and the police are completely at fault. The deceased officer was in debt to the extent of £1,000, but his creditors have expressed themselves perfectly satisfied that the murder was not committed for the purpose of robbery. The deceased officer was in the habit of wearing a valuable gold watch and chain, and these were found untouched in the room. The murderer must have entered the room for the purpose of murder, and for no other purpose. He